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In re Application of: Vandaele

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For: Transfer Vessel between Flash Tank
and Purge Column

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 16, 2009

In response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 16, 2009, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims based on the following.

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